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BRYANT GUMBEL: Back at 7:16 to speak of a growing threat to the United States.

Soviet spies are getting hold of some of this country's most classified military secrets, and sometimes with frightening ease. As we've been reporting this week, a California man named James Harper has been charged with selling highly sensitive ballistic missile research to a Polish spy for a quarter of a million dollars.

Joining us this morning from Washington is Edward O'Malley. He is the Assistant Director of the FBI's Intelligence Division.

And Mr. O'Malley, I'm not totally insensitive to the fact that you have an ongoing investigation that limits what you can say. But by all accounts, a Mr. William Bell Huegel got a third of the money from the sale of those documents that Mr. Harper sold. Why is he not in custody today?

EDWARD O'MALLEY: I'm sorry, that matter's still under investigation, Mr. Gumbel, and I can't discuss it on the air.

GUMBEL: Mr. Harper was arrested for selling documents, technically in June of 1980. Is there a likelihood that he sold other things since?

O'MALLEY: I'm sorry. I'm sure you wouldn't want me to say anything that could conceivably jeopardize the right to a fair trial of Mr. Harper, and I would prefer not to get into that.

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